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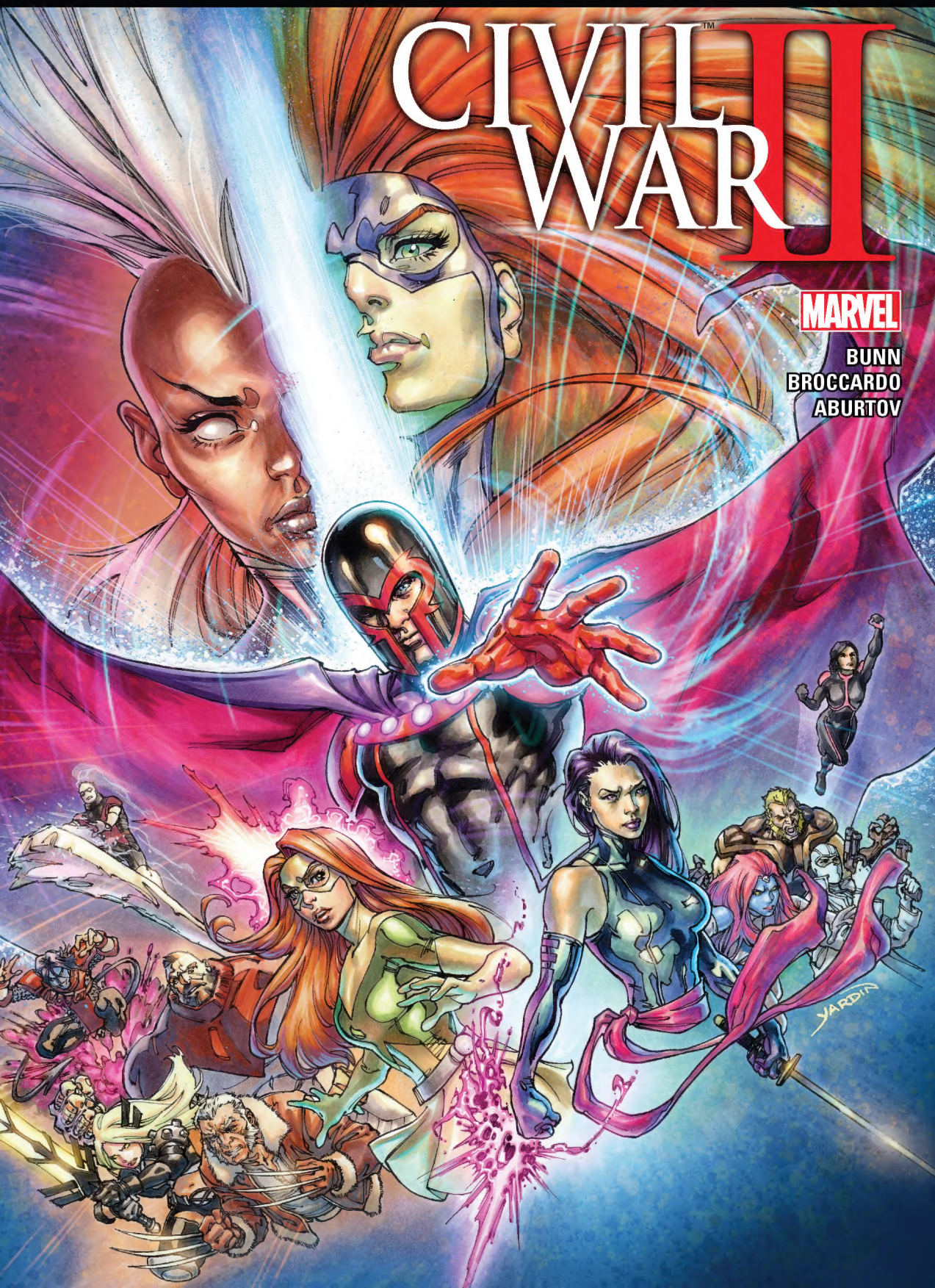

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TERRIGEN MISTS CIRCLE THE GLOBE, IGNITING THE INHUMAN RACE WHILE CRIPPLING MUTANTKIND—CUTTING DOWN THEIR NUMBERS AND SUPPRESSING ANY NEW MUTANT MANIFESTATIONS. WITH THE FATE OF THEIR RACE HANGING IN THE BALANCE, MUTANTKIND HAS CONFLICTING PHILOSOPHIES FOR NAVIGATING THIS DANGEROUS NEW WORLD: STORM'S TEAM OF X-MEN HAS OFFERED AID TO HUMANS AND MUTANTS ALIKE, CHOOSING TO RESIDE IN AN EXTRADIMENSIONAL REFUGE CALLED X-HAVEN. MEANWHILE, MAGNETO HAS ASSEMBLED A TEAM TO PROACTIVELY STRIKE AGAINST THREATS TO MUTANTKIND WITH IMPUNITY.

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DUBAI.
A TOAST, MY FRIENDS...
...TO THE TERRIGEN CLOUD THAT, EVEN NOW, ROLLS TOWARD OUR CITY.
I AM TOLD THE CLOUD IS CONSIDERED HOLY BY THE INHUMANS OF ATTILAN.
IT GIVES THEM THEIR STRENGTH... THEIR POWER.
IT IS LIFE!
BUT TO MUTANTS LIKE US...THE CLOUD IS DEATH!
THE VAPORS WILL KILL US.
WELL... SOME OF US.
BECAUSE THESE CHAMBERS ARE SEALED.
WE WILL WATCH AS DEATH WASHES OVER US...
...AND WE WILL KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO BE IMMORTAL!
SO ENJOY YOURSELVES, MY FELLOW CHILDREN OF THE ATOM...
...ENJOY WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN YOUR FINAL MOMENTS, BUT ARE INSTEAD--
WARNING.
HERMETIC SEALS HAVE BEEN DEACTIVATED.

WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
MY APOLOGIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
I HATE THAT I'VE INTERRUPTED YOUR GATHERING.
BUT I WOULD HAVE WORDS WITH YOU.
MAGNETO.
WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE! YOU ARE A TERRORIST-- AND A FOOL!
THE MEN AND WOMEN AT THIS PARTY ARE MUTANTS... AND WE ONLY SEEK TO SAVE OURSELVES!
BUT THE TERRIGEN CLOUD WILL BE HERE ANY MOMENT, AND IF THOSE DOORS AREN'T SEALED--
I WILL SEAL THE DOORS ONCE AGAIN WHEN IT PLEASES ME TO DO SO.
BUT IT WOULD SEEM THAT YOU LEFT A FEW NAMES OFF OF YOUR GUEST LIST.
ELIZABETH?
ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR...
...AND IN THE NICK OF TIME...
SABRETOOTH.
M.
PSYLOCKE.

...EVERY OTHER MUTANT IN THE CITY...
...AT LEAST ALL OF THEM WE COULD LOCATE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHO ARE THEY?
THEY ARE--
MUTANTS.
THEY MAY NOT BE WEALTHY, BUT THEIR LIVES ARE WORTH AS MUCH AS YOURS.
MAYBE MORE, DEPENDING ON WHETHER OR NOT YOU INSIST ON ARGUING WITH ME.
THERE IS NO TIME TO EVACUATE THEM FROM THE CITY.
IT IS A GOOD THING THAT THIS SAFE ROOM OF YOURS IS LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF US.
HERMETIC SEAL INTEGRITY RESTORED.
SHH-SHHHK
LET'S HOPE THOSE SEALS ARE ENOUGH.
JUDGING FROM CURRENT WIND SPEEDS, THE MISTS WILL BE ON TOP OF US IN LESS THAN THREE--
CLATTER-CLANK
THIS CHAMBER WILL NOT PROTECT YOU.
THE MISTS COME TO PURGE THIS CITY OF MUTANTS.
THE WILL OF THE MISTS SHALL BE SERVED.

THE MUTANT GENE MUST BE ERADICATED!
SENTINELS!
DISGUISED AS SERVANTS...
...WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO--
CORE COMMAND HEEDS THE MISTS.
THE TERRIGEN SENTINEL COMES FOR YOU, VERMIN.
"THERE IS NOWHERE TO RUN."

FOOM
F-FOOM
THOOM
ABOMINATIONS!
MANKIND HATES MUTANTS SO MUCH...
...THAT THEY WOULD TURN THEIR OWN KIND INTO MONSTERS TO HUNT US!
THESE ARE PRIME SENTINELS-- HUMANS OUTFITTED WITH CYBER TECHNOLOGY!
THESE THINGS WERE CREATED TO SERVE AS SLEEPER AGENTS...
...HIDING UNTIL THIS VERY MOMENT!
SINCE WHEN DO SENTINELS OF ANY MAKE OR MODEL SPOUT PSEUDO-RELIGIOUS HATE LINGO?
ONCE WE'VE GOT THEM TAMPED DOWN, WE NEED TO--
HOLD ON!
THE WINDOW!
SOMEBODY STOP THAT THING!
THE SACRED UNDERTAKING...
...OF THE SENTINEL MISTS...

WA-BOOM
THEY'VE TAKEN OUT THE WINDOWS!
THERE'S NOTHING TO HOLD THE CLOUD BACK!
BASTARDS HIT US AT THE WORST POSSIBLE MOMENT!
THIS ROOM IS A KILLING FIELD!
GET THE MUTANTS OUT OF HERE! EACH OF YOU--TAKE AS MANY AS YOU CAN!
WE'LL TAKE THE CHANCE--

--THAT WE CAN SOMEHOW OUTRUN THE CLOUD!
IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THESE MUTANTS WILL ESCAPE THE SENTINEL MISTS...
...BUT CORE COMMAND WILL BE GREATLY PLEASED TO SEE THEM DIE BY OUR HANDS.
ACCEPT YOUR FATE, MUTANT.
THE VERY AIR HAS TURNED AGAINST YOUR KIND.
MAYBE SO...
...BUT I'M BETTING I CAN TAKE YOU AND A FEW OF YOUR FRIENDS WITH ME BEFORE I CHECK OUT!
AND YOU NEVER KNOW...
"...US X-MEN ARE MIRACLE MAGNETS!"
EXCELLENT WORK, PSYLOCKE.
HOLD THE CLOUD AS LONG AS YOU CAN.
I'M NOT DOING THIS, ERIK!
IT'S THE WIND!
LOOK--

JEAN GREY.
MAGIK.
ICEMAN.
OLD MAN LOGAN.
STORM.
I THOUGHT YOU COULD USE A HAND.
NIGHTCRAWLER.
CEREBRA.

X-MEN--I CAN REDIRECT THE TERRIGEN MISTS...
...BUT MAGNETO'S TEAM NEEDS BACKUP!
TAKE OUT THOSE SENTINELS AND GET THE INNOCENTS TO SAFETY!
WE'RE ON IT, ORORO!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE SURVIVORS, MAGNETO.
THESE FANCY NEW SENTINELS...THEY STILL HAVE METAL COMPONENTS, RIGHT?
WHY DON'T YOU GO DO WHAT YOU DO BEST?
GET THE BYSTANDERS TO ME!
I'LL TAKE THEM SOMEWHERE SAFE!
SAFE LIKE YOUR LITTLE HELL DIMENSION?
SAFE LIKE ANYWHERE BUT HERE.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, ELIZABETH.
THIS FEELS LIKE *OLD TIMES.*
DOESN'T IT, THOUGH?
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
BAM
CARE FOR A LIFT?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE ME A SERMON ABOUT HOW I'M DISGRACING XAVIER'S MEMORY BY SIDING WITH THE LIKES OF MAGNETO AND SABRETOOTH?
NONSENSE.
WE'RE ALL HERE FOR THE SAME REASON-- TO *HELP MUTANTS.*
CHARLES WOULD HAVE *APPROVED.*
BAM
AND HE *ALWAYS* GOT A KICK OUT OF WATCHING US BEAT UP ON SENTINELS.

THESE THINGS... THEY'RE CYBORGS, RIGHT?
THEY'RE PART HUMAN?
ARE WE DOING THE RIGHT THING BY--
THINK ABOUT WHAT WE WERE TOLD ABOUT THE FUTURE...
...AND THEN ASK YOURSELF THAT QUESTION.
DAMMIT...
...TOO SLOW...
YOU WILL BE MADE SACRIFICE TO THE--
SHRAK
LOOK AT YOU, LOGAN.
ALL WRINKLY AND PRUNEY.
YOU STAY IN THE BATH TOO LONG?
FROM THE STINK OF IT, CREED...
RRRKKKT
...YOU AIN'T NEVER EVEN SEEN A BATH.
YOU AND YOUR X-FORCE BUDDIES SHOULD BE HAPPY WE SHOWED UP WHEN WE DID.
WE'RE NOT X-FORCE.
NOT ANYMORE.
THAT'S YOUR GIG.
THAT'S ANCIENT HISTORY.
YOU WOULD KNOW, OLD MAN RIVER.

TARGET THE WEATHER MANIPULATOR.
WATCH OUT, STORMY!
THEY'RE COMING FOR YOUUUUUUUU!
ONCE SHE HAS FALLEN THE MISTS WILL DO THE REST.
VR-KOW
YEEAAAGH!
I THINK YOU'LL FIND...
...THAT WE MUTANTS STILL HAVE A LITTLE FIGHT LEFT IN US!
WRRNCHH-
SKKRLT
ERIK... THANK YOU.
THERE IS NO NEED TO THANK ME, STORM.
WE ARE, ALL OF US, IN THIS STRUGGLE...

"...TOGETHER."
I'VE MOVED THE T-CLOUD AWAY FROM LAND, WHERE IT CAN DO NO HARM TO MUTANTS...
...FOR NOW, AT LEAST.
I GUESS YOU WERE RIGHT, WOLVERINE--
DON'T CALL ME THAT.
EITHER WAY, YOU WERE RIGHT.
WE WERE LUCKY YOU TURNED UP WHEN YOU DID.
LUCK HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
THEY HAD SOME SORT OF ADVANCE WARNING. THEY KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
THE INHUMANS HELPED THEM.
I PICKED IT UP FROM THEIR SURFACE THOUGHTS DURING THE FIGHT.
THE INHUMANS?
ERIK... YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND--

DON'T TELL ME WHAT I MUST UNDERSTAND, ORORO.
I'VE BEEN ON THE FRONT LINES...
...FIGHTING A WAR FOR OUR PEOPLE SINCE BEFORE YOU WERE BORN.
LISTEN TO YOURSELF.
THESE WERE SENTINELS WE WERE FIGHTING-- SENTINELS WHO ALMOST KILLED YOU.
WE'RE NOT AT WAR WITH THE INHUMANS.
THE TERRIGEN CLOUD IS OF INHUMAN ORIGIN... AND IT HAS PROVEN VIRULENT TO MUTANTS.
IT CRAWLS ACROSS THE EARTH, WHEREVER THE WINDS MAY TAKE IT.
AND IF IT HAPPENS TO SWEEP OVER A FEW HELPLESS MUTANTS-- AS IT ALMOST DID HERE...AS IT DID IN GENOSHA... AS IT DID IN--
AS IT HAS DONE TIME AND AGAIN...
...IT STERILIZES AND TERMINATES THEM.
AND WHAT HAVE THE INHUMANS DONE TO CURTAIL THIS WAVE OF DESTRUCTION?
NOTHING.
BECAUSE AS MUCH AS THE TERRIGEN MISTS MEAN DEATH FOR US...
...IT MEANS LIFE FOR THE INHUMANS.
WITHOUT THE MISTS, NO NEW INHUMANS CAN BE BORN.

THE SURVIVAL OF OUR PEOPLES IS DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE MAKINGS OF A WAR TO ME.
AIN'T NOTHING EVER THAT SIMPLE, MAGNETO.
AND NOW I LEARN THAT YOU HAVE ALLIED WITH THE INHUMANS--
THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS.
THE LANDSCAPE IS CHANGING.
WHO'S ULYSSES?
WHAT AREN'T YOU SAYING, ORORO?
I DON'T THINK ANY OF US HAVE TIME FOR DELICACY.

THERE'S A NEW INHUMAN... SOMEONE WITH VAST PROPHETIC POWERS.
IT'S NOT THAT HE CAN SEE THE FUTURE...
...BUT HE CAN MENTALLY RUN SOME SORT PROBABILITY ANALYSIS.
HE CAN-- MY GOD-- PROFILE THE FUTURE.
HE'S BEING USED TO PREVENT TRAGEDIES AROUND THE WORLD.
THE INHUMANS TOLD STORM'S TEAM WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN HERE.
THIS BOY-- ULYSSES-- SAW IT.
THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHERE THEY NEEDED TO BE TO PREVENT... OUR DEATHS.
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DIE TODAY...
...BUT STORM AND HER TEAM... THEY CHANGED THE FUTURE.
THE INHUMANS HAVE THE POWER TO--

THAT'S ENOUGH!
WE DIDN'T INVITE YOU TO READ OUR MINDS, PSYLOCKE...
...SO KINDLY--
--GET OUT!
UNNNH!
PSYLOCKE?
I'M ALL RIGHT.
SHOULD'VE ASKED BEFORE I WENT POKING AROUND WHERE I WASN'T WANTED.
THIS IS ALL SO NEW, EVEN TO THE INHUMANS.
MAGNETO... ERIK...YOU KNOW ME. YOU KNOW I'M TELLING THE TRUTH.
THE INHUMANS...THE MUTANTS...CAN HELP EACH OTHER...
...IF YOU LET THEM.
IT'S GONNA GET MESSY BEFORE WE'RE DONE.
HAVE FAITH, LOGAN.
WE CAN TALK--

NO, ELF.
TIME FOR TALKING'S *DONE*.
SO...WHAT? MAGNETO'S MAD AT US?
OH, MAN. HE'S NOT GONNA START CHUCKING ASTEROIDS AT THE EARTH AGAIN, IS HE?
I KNOW, I KNOW. HE NEVER REALLY DID THAT.
BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING HE *MIGHT* DO.
I'M SORRY, GUYS.
I GUESS I COULD HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB OF PROTECTING OUR THOUGHTS.
IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT, JEAN.
CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG NOW.
ARE WE GOING TO *WARN* THE INHUMANS?
WARN THEM ABOUT *WHAT*, LOGAN?
AT THIS POINT, MAGNETO'S DONE *NOTHING* WRONG.
YOU'RE *ASSUMING* HE WILL--
PLEASE, EVERYONE-- LET'S NOT JUMP TO *ANY* CONCLUSIONS.
FOR NOW, I BELIEVE OUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION...

"...IS TO GIVE MAGNETO TIME TO PROCESS WHAT HE'S LEARNED...
"...AND PRAY HE WALKS A MEASURED, TEMPERED PATH."
WAR ROOM X.
THE SAVAGE LAND.
SO...
...THE INHUMANS HAVE ADDED YET ANOTHER WEAPON TO THEIR ARSENAL.
THIS PERSON... IS NOT A WEAPON.
I SAW HIM.
HE'S JUST A KID.
THE INHUMANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLIGHT THAT HAS BEFALLEN OUR PEOPLE.
THEIR TERRIGEN CLOUD... THE VERY MIST THAT GIVES THEM THEIR POWERS...IS KILLING US.
AND THEY WORSHIP IT.
NOW THEY CAN SEE THE FUTURE.
THEY CAN PREVENT THE FUTURE.
MAKE NO MISTAKE, THEY WILL USE THAT POWER AGAINST US WHEN THE TIME COMES.
"WHEN THE TIME COMES"?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU DON'T THINK WE'RE--

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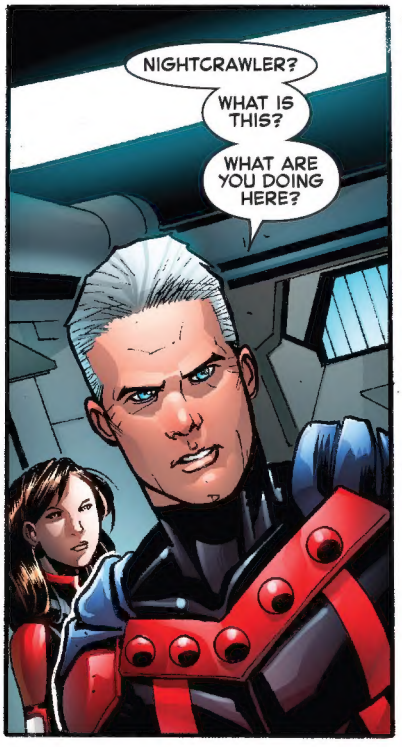
NIGHTCRAWLER?
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

A MOMENT PLEASE, MAGNETO, BEFORE YOU...
AH...
...DO ANYTHING RASH LIKE TURN ME INSIDE-OUT.
BUT I DIDN'T FEEL RIGHT ABOUT THE WAY WE LEFT THINGS.

IF YOU'VE COME AS STORM'S *EMISSARY*...TO TELL ME WHY I *SHOULDN'T* BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS INHUMAN...
...I'M AFRAID YOU ARE WASTING YOUR TIME.
LIKE IT OR NOT, A CONFLICT BETWEEN MUTANTS AND INHUMANS IS ALREADY PLAYING OUT.
MUTANTS ARE *LOSING*.
THIS BOY... ULYSSES...WITH HIS ABILITIES... COULD BE THE FINAL *NAIL* IN OUR COFFIN.

YOU *MISUNDERSTAND*.
STORM *DIDN'T* SEND ME.
I'M HERE OF MY OWN FREE WILL...
...BECAUSE I THINK *YOU'RE RIGHT*.
TO BE CONTINUED!

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